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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: In response to applicant's argument with regard to the drawing objection at item 3 of the previous Office action, examiner asked applicant to explain the relationship between the instant drawings of the disclosed invention. Applicant explained the view at Fig. 7 is a schematic view of the joint in Fig. 6 observed at the open end of housing 10 and that the ball drawn in dashed line in Fig. 7 equates to the uppermost ball 30 in Fig. 6. Examiner pointed out that a similar such schematic view would be no different for the joint at Yamazaki's Fig. 4.

The description of Fig. 7 at pages 11, lines 4+ includes the term "straight travel state of the vehicle". At examiner's request, applicant explained the term refers to the condition of a vehicle that is being steered in the straight ahead direction. It does not refer to the alignment of the inner and outer joint members of the disclosed invention.